

SKY

6.00 DR PHIL (Rpt) 61928. **7.00** Zoids 85947. **7.30 Batman** 64454. **8.00 Gameville** 96251. **9.00 The X-Files** (T) 3326928. **9.55 Buffy The Vampire Slayer** 4032198. **10.50 Angel** (T) 6755183. **11.45 ER** (T) 975676. **12.45 Scrubs**. JD upsets Carla by asking her to stop protecting him (T) 489034. **1.15 The X-Files**. Mulder and Scully investigate a possible case of spontaneous combustion (T) 9205837. **2.10 Dr Phil**. Advice for people whose negative personalities are ruining their relationships 6452251. **3.05 The Sharon Osbourne Show**. Jessica Weiner, Amber Tamblyn and America Ferrera drop into the studio 8049386. **4.00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer**. Warren, Jonathan and Andrew unleash a demon whose powers make Buffy believe that the past six years have been a hallucination 61744. **5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation**. The crew's lives are put in danger when they respond to an emergency call from a fellow starship (T) 1454. **6.00 Futurama**. Fry and Bender face an army of aliens on a far-off planet, after joining the army to get military discounts (T) 4657. **6.30 Malcolm In The Middle**. When the Kenabans host a dinner party, Francis invites some local girls to a bash at Marlin Academy (T) 5909.



MONSTER: Kim Cattrall, 9pm

7.00 THE SIMPSONS People throughout Springfield open their hearts and wallets after Bart claims the family's Christmas presents were stolen (T) 2183. **7.30 THE SIMPSONS** A stranger claims that Principal Skinner is an imposter (T) 4893. **8.00 BATTLESTAR GALACTICA** Following a devastating war with the Cylons, the surviving humans prepare to search for a safe haven called Earth. Kara is ordered to train a new squad of pilots 88909. **9.00 PETER BENCHLEY'S CREATURE** Two-part thriller in which a marine biologist and his ex-wife and colleague team up to halt a man-eating sea creature that has emerged from the water to go on a bloodthirsty rampage on a small Caribbean island. Starring Kim Cattrall 160367. **9.50 EUROMILLIONS DRAW** Live coverage of the National Lottery weekly draw 107251. **9.55 PETER BENCHLEY'S CREATURE** Continued from 9pm 89838. **10.55 THE ULTIMATE PLAYBOY** Entertainment series hosted by model Jodie Kidd 931218. **11.55 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION** The discovery of ancient air-force insignia leads an away team to a casino and a game with very high stakes (Rpt) (T) 315676. **12.55 Gameville** 9924023. **1.55 Angel** (Rpt) 4527868. **2.55 ER** (Rpt) (T) 6419058. **3.50 The Sharon Osbourne Show** 6042077. **4.45 Batman** 88059394. **5.10 Pokémon** 5577936. **5.35-6.00 Pokémon** 5697023.



MURDER IN MIND: Scary John Malkovich, Sky Movies 2, 8pm

telly movies

STAR RATINGS

****Don't miss it
***Good ***Average
**Time filler *Garbage!

- COME CLEAN** (1931) *** BBC2 12.00-12.20pm. Comedy, starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.
- GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING** (1956) *** BBC2 1.30-3.00pm. Western, starring Robert Stack, Virginia Mayo and Ruth Roman.
- HE'S NOT YOUR SON** (TVM, 1984) *** Five 3.35-5.30pm. Drama, starring Donna Mills and Ken Howard.
- THE ANIMAL** (2001) **** C4 11.10pm-12.40am. Comedy, starring Michael Caton, Rob Schneider and Colleen Haskell.
- CONAN THE BARBARIAN** (1982) **** Five 11.00pm-1.20am. Action fantasy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

- DEATH TRAIN** (TVM, 1993) *** BBC1 11.35pm-1.10am. Thriller. Drunken former SAS officer Pierce Brosnan has to prevent the illegal shipment of a nuclear bomb.
- I WALKED WITH A ZOMBIE** (1943) b/w *** BBC2 12.40-1.50am. Chiller, starring Frances Dee.
- HALLOWEEN IV: THE RETURN OF MICHAEL MYERS** (1988) *** BBC1 1.10-2.40am. Shocker. The savage serial slayer recovers from a coma 10 years after his original massacre and escapes to set out on a new killing spree.
- LEGAL DECEIT** (1997) *** Five 1.20-2.50am. Thriller. Harvard law graduate Lela Rochon is drawn into a dangerous world of blackmail.
- COUSIN BETTE** (1998) ** ITV1 1.35-3.25am. Period comedy drama, starring Jessica Lange, Elisabeth Shue and Bob Hoskins.
- FLIGHT OF THE ALBATROSS** (TVM, 1995) *** Five 2.50-4.20am. Family drama, starring Julia Brendler, Taungaroa Emile and Jack Thompson.

ALAN FRANK

FILMFOUR

6.00 SHANE (1953) Western, starring Alan Ladd and Jean Arthur 5142367.

8.00 ROUNDERS (1998) A compulsive and gifted poker player packs his job in as a lawyer to play the high-stakes game. Thriller, starring Matt Damon 5147812.

10.00 THE EXORCIST III (1990) A string of brutal murders leads a detective to a patient in the local psychiatric hospital. Horror, starring George C. Scott 3454183.

1.30 TAKE CARE OF MY CAT (2001) Drama, starring Du-na Bae and Ji-young Ok 8679329.

3.25 LE SOUFFLE (2001) Drama, starring Pierre-Louis Bonnetblanc 5587955.

4.40 AFTER THE REHEARSAL (1984) Drama, starring Erland Josephson and Lena Ölin 8732145.

6.00 CLOSE

SKY MOVIES 1

5.35 Follow Your Heart (1998) 74135947

7.15 Camilla (1994) 75946473 **8.55 Only You** (1994) 93279034 **10.55 The Country Bears** (2002) 75128928 **12.35 Top Tens Of 2004** 3365638 **1.05 Open House** (2003) 99261541 **2.40 Pennsylvania Miner's Story** (2002) 3976909 **4.10 The Country Bears** (2002) 2245454 **5.40 Top Tens Of 2004** 398034 **6.10 Only You** (1994) Comedy, starring Marisa Tomei 49351589 **8.00 Hope Springs** (2003) Drama, starring Colin Firth 30144812 **9.45 2 Fast 2 Furious** (2003) Action thriller, starring Paul Walker 494812 **11.35 Black Cadillac** (2002) Thriller 952544 **1.15 Life As A House** (2001) 51694464 **3.25-5.10 Scam** (1992) 692955

SKY MOVIES 2

6.10 Askari (2001) 43167947 **7.50 Mary Higgins Clark's Pretend You Don't See Her** (2002) 58766763 **9.35 Life With Mikey** (1993) 35006522 **11.15 Joe Versus The Volcano** (1990) 85704541 **1.05 Askari** (2001) 76474522 **2.45 Mary Higgins Clark's Pretend You Don't See Her** (2002) 27537473 **4.30 Life With Mikey** (1993) 74072725 **6.10 Joe Versus The Volcano** (1990) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks 49353947 **8.00 Ripley's Game** (2002) Thriller, starring John Malkovich 77893 **10.00 Hardball** (2001) Drama, starring Keanu Reeves 287725 **11.50 Ripley's Game** (2002) 400909 **1.45 Trois 2** (2002) 132752 **3.35-5.00 Grateful Dawg** (2000) 6631394

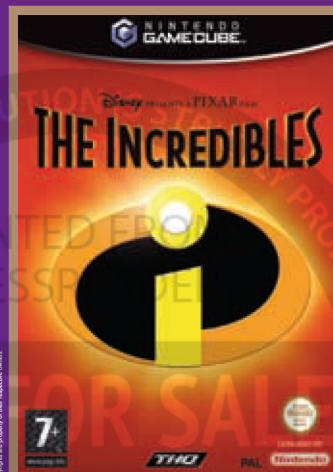
SKY CINEMA 1

6.00 UK Top 10 4882034 **6.30 Gunpoint** (1965) 2114725 **8.00 The Way We Were** (1973) 4932725 **10.00 Capricorn One** (1978) 18340304 **12.10 Gunpoint** (1965) 5921218 **1.55 How Green Was My Valley** (1941) 89729909 **4.00 The Way We Were** (1973) 8398386 **6.00 Capricorn One** (1978) Drama, starring Elliott Gould and James Brolin 42377541 **8.10 Lost Command** (1966) War drama, starring Anthony Quinn and Alain Delon 38144170 **10.25 Prime Cut** (1972) Crime drama, starring Lee Marvin and Gene Hackman 4246218 **12.00 St Elmo's Fire** (1985) Drama 5961868 **1.55 I've Got You, Babe** (1994) 2934690 **3.35-6.00 How Green Was My Valley** (1941) 81557416

SKY BOX OFFICE

Today's films on Sky Box Office Digital at various times throughout the day are: **Bad Boys II** (2003), **The Girl Next Door** (2004), **Gothika** (2003), **Monster** (2003), **Starsky And Hutch** (2004), **The Cat In The Hat** (2003), **Along Came Polly** (2004), **Cold Mountain** (2003), **Once Upon A Time In Mexico** (2003), **Open Range** (2003), **Scary Movie 3** (2003), **Torque** (2004), **Welcome To The Jungle** (2003), **Big Fish** (2003), **Hollywood Homicide** (2003), **The Missing** (2003), **Mona Lisa Smile** (2003), **Mystic River** (2003), **S.W.A.T** (2003) Action thriller, starring Samuel L. Jackson, **The Singing Detective** (2003), **Sylvia** (2003)

Games of the Week



Disney Presents A Pixar Film
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GameBoy Advance

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E4

2.00 LESS THAN PERFECT Claude is enjoying her job so much, she is reluctant to use up her holiday days. When she is finally persuaded to do so, she feels threatened by Luke, the temp who fills in for her. 48815580
2.30 ONE TREE HILL Lucas asks Keith to play with him in the annual father and son basketball game. Peyton finds an ally in Whitey as he seeks comfort on the anniversary of his mother's death. 81809947
3.30 THE OC See 7pm 27542980

4.30 HOLLYOAKS Soap about a group of teenagers and the battles they face. 93353909
5.00 FRIENDS See 8pm 20815760
5.30 FRIENDS See 8.30pm 93377589

6.00 WITHOUT A TRACE The team searches for a former cop-turned-bounty hunter who goes missing after being shot. 98421763

7.00 THE OC Kirsten's unemployed sister Haley moves in with the Cohens and disrupts the entire family. 21042980

8.00 FRIENDS Will Emily forgive Ross before their honeymoon? Monica and Chandler agree to end their new relationship. 24415724

8.30 FRIENDS Ross's new wife will not speak to him. Rachel appoints Monica as her adviser in romance. Phoebe feels neglected. 49265021

9.00 FILM: FEVER PITCH (1996) A man struggles to reconcile his relationship with a new lover to his old passion for Arsenal football club. Set during Arsenal's championship winning 1988-89 season, our hero has to cope with falling in love with a non-football fan just as his team launch a serious bid for the title. Adapted by Nick Hornby from his bestselling autobiographical novel. Drama, starring Colin Firth and Ruth Gemmell. 21061015

11.00 FOOL AROUND... A reality show which tests how far couples will push their relationships for money. 94880034

11.30 DISTRACTION 31088893 12.00 Same Bridget. Brand New Diary

12.30 Green Wing 1.35 Hollyoaks 2.05 The Secret Life Of Us 2.50 Fool Around... With My Boyfriend 3.20

Distraction 3.50 Close

BBC THREE

7.00 The 7 O'Clock News On BBC Three 7.30 Body Hits

8.00 Trauma 8.30 Little Angels

9.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 9.30 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli

10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Outlaws 11.00 Little Britain

11.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.30 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli

1.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 1.30 Outlaws 2.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps

2.55 Wedding Stories 3.55 Close

SCI-FI

6.00 The Ray Bradbury Theatre 7.00 Teleshopping

10.00 Quantum Leap 11.00 Freakylinks 12.00 Firefly 1.00 The Pretender 2.00 Alien

Abduction 3.00 The Outer Limits 4.00 Quantum Leap

5.00 Mysterious Worlds: Bermuda Triangle 6.00 Firefly 7.00 The Pretender 8.00 The Dead Zone 9.00 Century City

10.00 Film: Tales From The Crypt: Bordello Of Blood (1996) Horror, starring John Kassir 11.35 Mad Mad House

12.35 The Outer Limits 1.35 The Outer Limits 2.35 Prey

4.30 The Ray Bradbury Theatre 5.00-6.00 Tracker

BRAVO

9.00 Babylon 10.00 Gadgets 10.30 Gamer 11.00 Fishmania 12.00 Street Crime

1.00 Police Beat 1.30 Blues 2.30 Police Videos 3.00 Street Crime 4.00 Police Beat 4.30

Police Videos 5.00 Gamer 5.30 Gadgets 6.00 Knight Rider

7.00 Street Crime 7.30 Police Beat 8.00 Premier League 8.30 Racing Rivals 9.00 Street

Crime 9.30 Boogie Britain 10.00 World Of Stupid 10.30 All About Men 11.00 Laid Bare

11.30 Sex Sexy 12.00 Street Crime 12.30 Stupid 1.00 All About Men 1.30 Laid Bare 2.00 Sex Sexy 2.30 AXN 3.00 Close



MISSED DATE: Cameron Diaz, ITV2, 10pm

lifestyle telly

CHALLENGE

6.00 Teleshopping 7.00 Gladiators 8.00 The Crystal Maze 9.00 Fort Boyard 10.00 100 % 10.30 Soap Addicts 11.00 Bruce's Price Is Right 11.30 Family Fortunes 12.00 Wheel Of Fortune 12.30 Catchphrase 1.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 2.00 Property Rescue 3.00 Life Doctor 3.30 House Of Dreams 4.30 Dream Holiday Home 5.00 Bruce's Price Is Right 5.30 Catchphrase 6.00 Takeshi's Castle 7.00 Fort Boyard Takes On The World 7.30 Ultimate Guinness World Records 8.00 Blockbusters 8.30 Bullseye 9.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 10.00 The Casino 11.00 World Poker Tour 12.45 Ultimate Guinness World Records 1.15 Fort Boyard Takes On The World 1.45 Extreme Endurance 2.00 Fort Boyard 3.00 The Crystal Maze 4.00 100 % 4.30 Family Fortunes 5.00 Wheel Of Fortune 5.30-6.00 Teleshopping

HISTORY

8.00 Britain's Secret Army 8.30 Doodlebug Summer 9.00 Dynasties 10.00 Kurk: Buried Alive 11.00 The World At War 12.00 Great Crimes And Trials 12.30 Infamous Murders 1.00 The Great Commanders 2.00 Secret Allied Aircraft Of World War II 3.00 Tech Effect 3.30 Command Decisions 4.00 Britain's Boy Soldiers 5.00 The World At War 6.00 Secrets Of War 7.00 Dynasties 8.00 Stealth And Beyond, Documentary examining the technology behind specialist aircraft such as the F/A-22 Raptor 9.00 Doctors In The Third Reich 10.00 Cold Case Files 11.00 The World At War 12.00 Escape From Colditz 1.00 Military Movers 2.00 Close

DISCOVERY

6.00 From Cradle To Grave 7.00 Extreme Machines Special 8.00 5th Gear 8.30 Industrial Revelations 9.00 Channel Tunnel 10.00 Salvage Squad 11.00 Ultimate Cars 11.30 5th Gear 12.00 Mission Invisible 1.00 Time Team 2.00 Battlefield 3.00 Battlefield Detectives 4.00 Air Wars 5.00 Mission Invisible 6.00 Ultimate Cars 6.30 5th Gear 7.00 Time Team 8.00 American Chopper 9.00 Richard III 10.00 Al Murray's Road To Berlin 10.30 Bloody Britain 11.00 Forensic Detectives 12.00 Trauma 1.00 Party Poker Million 2.00 Al Murray's Road To Berlin 2.30 Bloody Britain 3.00 Richard III 4.00 American Chopper 5.00-6.00 Time Team

LIVINGTV

6.00 Shopping 7.00 Tiny Living 9.00 Birth Stories 9.30 Birth Day Girls 10.00 Special Delivery 11.00 Charmed 12.00 Ricki Lake 12.50 Sixth Sense 1.20 Crossing Over 1.50 Will & Grace 2.50 Missing 3.45 According To Jim 4.10 Charmed 5.10 Charmed 6.05 America's Next Top Model 7.00 Will & Grace 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 10.00 The L Word 11.05 Girls Behaving Badly 12.00 The Division 1.00 Crime And Punishment 1.55 Hollywood Star Treatment 2.05 The Cosby Show 3.00 Antiques Ghost Show 3.55 Ben Affleck: Hollywood's Stars 4.20 Mel Gibson: Hollywood's Stars 4.45 Ricki Lake 5.30-6.00 Shopping

UKTV GOLD

6.00 NEIGHBOURS 6.30 As Time Goes By 7.10 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum 7.50 Doctors 8.25 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 10.00 Holby City 11.00 Casualty 12.00 Doctors 12.40 EastEnders 1.20 Last Of The Summer Wine 2.00 BERGERAC See 6pm 3568270

3.00 THE BILL Tensions mount in Sun Hill as Kerry Holmes decides to exact revenge on Boulton, but who will be the victor? 4573299

4.00 HOLBY CITY Liam's act as a good samaritan has life-changing consequences. Kath's sympathy for a mother's ill son leads her to breach patient confidentiality 4585034

5.00 CASUALTY After her break-up with Jack, Nikki swears she's through with love, but a call to the home of an elderly couple restores her faith 6803134

6.00 BERGERAC Jim investigates the theft of diamonds from one of Jersey's leading socialites 2482034

7.00 IT AIN'T HALF HOT, MUM The Concert Party find themselves in hot water after a senior padre considers their show to be vulgar and lewd 6032947

7.40 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE Compo has an encounter with a ferret 1436812

8.20 AS TIME GOES BY Jean awaits her sister-in-law Penny and her husband's visit with mixed feelings 2869299

9.00 JONATHAN CREEK A cosmetic surgeon is found brutally murdered at his Harley Street clinic. The obvious suspect is the woman he loved and transformed but who cast him aside for a younger man 5084783

10.15 FILM: BLADE (1998) When a rogue vampire attempts to bring permanent night to the world, only one individual can stop him. Featuring some inventive set-pieces, stunning fight choreography and a clever revision of vampire mythology. A highly-charged adaptation of the popular comic-book, starring Wesley Snipes and Stephen Dorff 87146270

12.40 Jonathan Creek 1.55 Weakest Link. Presented by Anne Robinson 2.50 The Bill 3.50 Weakest Link 4.50 As Time Goes By 5.25-6.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum

ITV3

6.00 Survival 6.55 Peak Practice 7.55 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 8.55 Film: Fire

9.05 Chicago Hope 10.00 The Practice 10.55 LA Law 11.50 Film: Fire 12.00 Survival 1.05

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 1.35 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 2.10 The Practice 3.05 Chicago Hope

4.00 LA Law 5.00 Peak Practice 6.00 The Practice 7.00 Outside Edge. Dervish is back at the crease 7.30 Cadfael. The sleuthing medieval monk investigates when the town's goldsmith is robbed and left for dead 9.00 Film: Sister Act (1992) A singer witnesses a murder and goes undercover as a nun, only to achieve unwanted fame by turning the choir into a pop sensation. Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg, Emile Ardolino and Harvey Keitel 11.00 Cold Feet. Adam and Rachel move in together 12.00 Chicago Hope. Camille accidentally drops a donor heart 1.00 Film: Sister Act (1992) Comedy 3.00-6.00 Teleshopping

EXPRESS SHOPPING CHANNEL

(SKY 637, NTL 637) 8.00 Express Shopping Daytime

5.00 Kitchen Gadgets 6.00 Our Choice 7.00 Simply Be

Fashion 8.00 Our Choice 9.00 Diamond Collection 10.00 The Collector's Edition 11.00 Our Choice 12.00 Close

TELEVISION X

(SKY 969) 10.00 Freeview 10.10 Ben Dover 10.30 Omar

Shov 11.00 Freeview 11.10 Mature Mama 11.30 Jane's World 11.50 New A*! Teens

12.00 Freeview 12.10 British Lesbo Sl'ts 12.20 Summer Lovin' 12.40 The Exhibitionist

1.00 Freeview 1.10 Servant 1.30 Super'd'ck 1.50 Hot Totty 2.10 Ecstasy Girls 4.10 College Girls 5.30 Close

MTV

Including at 1.00 EMAs 2004 1.30 Newlyweds 2.00 The Ashlee Simpson Show 2.30 Top 3.00 MTV Mash 3.30 Halo: Making The Game 4.00 EMAs: Who Wore That 4.30 Cibs 5.00 Room Raiders 5.30 Pimp My Ride 6.00 TRL 7.00 EMAs 2004 7.30 Making The Movie 8.00 Gwen Stefani: Making The Video 8.30 Laguna Beach 9.00 Video Honeyz 10.00 Pimp My Ride Vs Dumbass Week 1.00 Top 5 1.30 Making The Video 2.00-6.00 EMA Nominees 2004

VH-1

6.00 VH1 Breakfast Club 8.00 Astro Day 9.00 Class Of 1999 10.00 VH1's Greatest Hits 12.00 Greatest Hits: Kylie Minogue 1.00 Greatest Hits: Robbie Williams 2.00 VH1's Greatest Hits 5.00 Greatest Hits Of... Ronan Keating 6.00 Westlife In Concert 8.00 Top 40 Greatest Songs Ever: VH1's contenders for the greatest songs of all time, by artists such as ABBA and John Lennon 11.00 VH1's Greatest Hits 1.00 I Wanna Tell You Up 3.00-6.00 VH1's Greatest Hits

pop telly

sporty telly

SKY SPORTS 1

6.00 RACE WORLD
The ultimate motor sport programme. From karting to Formula One, these are the fastest machines around, featuring some daring drivers and gruelling races 12676

7.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW 62218
The latest news 63947

9.00 RACING NEWS
Reviews from the racing world 39218

9.30 RALLYMAX TV
Motoring action from all over the UK 32893

10.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW 11386
The latest news 91522

12.00 TRANS WORLD SPORT 55744
1.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW
A review of all the recent action in the Coca-Cola Championship and other leagues 31164

2.00 THE RUGBY CLUB
Simon Lazenby and Stuart Barnes round up all the latest rugby union news and action 90305

3.00 HOW THE 2004 FA CUP WAS WON
The story of how the FA Cup was won, in the season where many of the favourites dropped by the wayside early on 88947

5.00 PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW SHOW 6305
5.30 ICC CRICKET WORLD 1102

6.00 SOCCER AM'S ALL SPORTS SHOW
A quirky look ahead to the weekend's sport 51928

7.00 PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW SHOW
Preview of the forthcoming weekend's Premier League action 6541

7.30 LIVE FOOTBALL: FA CUP FIRST ROUND - SOUTHOUD V LUTON
Coverage of League One Luton at the game against Southend at Roots Hall. Kick-off at 7.45pm 515441

10.00 LIVE FRIDAY FIGHT NIGHT: BARNES V HAREFACE V MCDONAGH
Boxing action as David Barnes fights James Hare for the British welterweight title at North Bridge Leisure Centre in Halifax. Andrew Facey fights Thomas McDonagh on the same bill 62638

12.00 WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT: LATE NIGHT RAW 70503
2.00 FRIDAY FIGHT NIGHT: BARNES V HAREFACE V MCDONAGH 94042

4.00 SOCCER AM'S ALL SPORTS SHOW 25110
5.00 PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW SHOW 93139

5.30-6.00 GILLETTE WORLD SPORT 53416

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00 AEROBICS 5883299
6.30 Freeze Sports 6466102 7.00 Aerobics 3398034 7.30 ATP Tennis 3377541 8.00 Trans World Sport 8197909 9.00 Freeze Sports 6280676 9.30 Aerobics 5582164 10.00 Race World 3373725 11.00 How The 2004 FA Cup Was Won 2966541 1.00 Rip Curl Pro 3397305

1.30 ATP Tennis 5585251
2.00 Pool 6458183 3.00 Extreme Racing 9215947

3.30 Rip Curl Pro 4492589
4.00 Moto + 4471096

4.30 Gillette World Sport 4460980
5.00 NFL Weekly Review 9206299 6.00 Freeze Sports 4481473

6.30 Kiteboarding 4472725
7.00 MOTO + 9207928

7.30 LIVE RUGBY UNION: GLOUCESTER V LONDON WASPS
Rugby action from Kingsholm Park. Kick-off at 7.45pm 9992164

10.00 SOCCER AM'S ALL SPORTS SHOW 9330589
11.00 Premier League Preview 1458164

11.30 NFL Weekly Review 1948928
12.30 Football: Southend v Luton. FA Cup first-round action 9711579 2.00 Tight Lines 8824706 3.00 NFL Weekly Review 3153435 4.00 Football 7873503 5.30-6.00 Moto + 5777684

SKY SPORTS 3

9.00 POOL 93791909
10.00 The Rip Curl Pro 42443657 10.30 ATP Tennis 96490744 11.00 Racing News 95113909

11.30 Aerobics 95114638
12.00 Bikesport UK 52844015 1.00 Race World 5285763 2.00 Freeze Sports 25133725

2.30 NBA Action
98754386 3.00 ATP Tennis 2545560 3.30 RallyMax TV 98759831 4.00 Race World 95137589 5.00 Gravity Games 25136812

6.00 European Soap
Angling Championships 2004 52840289 7.00 Tight Lines 24903034 8.00 NFL Weekly Review 24989454

9.00 Pool 95126473
9.30 GILLETTE WORLD SPORT A comprehensive round-up of alternative sporting action 52845744

10.00 ICC CRICKET WORLD
A look at the week in international cricket 96482725

10.30 MOTO + 96491473
11.00 POOL Action from the semi-finals of the European Pro Pool Championships 29276299

12.00 KITEBOARDING 37453139
12.30 Rugby Union Update: Gloucester v London Wasps. Highlights of the Zurich Premiership clash 11111665 2.00 Close

AT THE RACES: Racing news from 9am-1am

EUROSPORT

7.00 WTA TOUR TENNIS
From Los Angeles 57386

8.00 WTA TOUR TENNIS
From Los Angeles 58015

9.00 WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 24386
9.30 SNOOKER: BRITISH OPEN 36589

11.00 WTA TOUR TENNIS
From Los Angeles 59560

2.00 LIVE SNOOKER: BRITISH OPEN 407218
5.00 FOOTBALL: TOP 24 CLUBS 473

5.30 WTA TOUR TENNIS
Coverage of the WTA Tour Championship from Los Angeles, as the world's top eight players compete for a share of the \$3million prize fund 31522

6.30 WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
Highlights of the round from Australia 7763

7.00 LIVE SNOOKER: BRITISH OPEN
Action on the green baize from the Brighton Centre. Stephen Hendry won the title last year 116454

10.00 FOOTBALL: TOP 24 CLUBS
Show which counts down the top 24 football clubs in Europe, based on real results throughout the season. The clubs are placed in a virtual league and awarded points each week for performances in domestic and European competitions 63021

10.30 YOZ XTREME
Magazine covering extreme sports 21299

11.00 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS REPORT 343909
11.15 LG ACTION SPORTS 482541

12.15 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS REPORT 6418706
12.30 CLOSE

2.30 LIVE WTA TOUR TENNIS 89771
4.00 LIVE WTA TOUR TENNIS 43665

5.30-7.00 LIVE WTA TOUR TENNIS 17752

MUTV

Including at 4.15 Terrace Talk 5.30 The Match Highlights 6.00 Countdown 2 Kick-Off 7.30 Champions League Match 8.00 News 8.30 Premier Classic 10.00 News 10.30 Ruud 101 11.00 Countdown 2 Kick-Off 12.30 Teleshopping 1.30 Close

EXTREME

Including at 4.10 Tony Hawk: Pro Skater Underground 5.20 Respect 6.25 The Clash 6.30 Gen/ix 7.00 Huevos Grandes 8.00 Attention 9.00 Legends Of The Extreme 10.00 High Octane 10.30 Flying Circus 11.00-12.00 Wee Man's American Misfits



Charlie Catchpole

...on last night's telly

BLACKPOOL (BBC1) is a murder mystery thriller-cum-love story set on the Lancashire resort's Golden Mile.

It stars the great David Morrissey (State Of Play, The Deal) and Sarah Parish from Cutting It, with a cast that includes Cold Feet's John Thomson, The League Of Gentlemen's Steve Pemberton and Georgia Taylor, who was Toyah Battersby in Coronation Street.

Penning by Peter Bowker, who scripted the hit series Single for Michelle Collins, it's funny and dazzling one minute, dark and disturbing the next. What more can you ask for? Well, you can't really ask for the cast to break into song at the drop of a "Kiss Me

Quick" hat. But that's exactly what they do.

We first met Morrissey as amusement arcade owner Ripley Holden, standing in front of his bedroom mirror in his white suit, slipping on gold rings and combing back his hair, while lip-synching to Viva Las Vegas.

Tart

This was just perfect, because it told us almost everything we needed to know about Holden. He was brash and deluded, Blackpool could never be the "bright lights city" of the Elvis song.

Later, Holden lay back in bed while his put-upon wife Natalie (Parish) dutifully clambered astride him. Failing to rise to the

occasion, he fantasised that she was some tartily-clad showgirl, and sang along to another Elvis hit - She's Not You.

Bowker's story is so good, and the acting impeccable, that Blackpool doesn't really need these old pop hits - it would have worked well as a straight drama.

Holden's arcade has now been shut down by a zealous detective, DI Peter Carlisle (David Tennant), investigating the killing of a young druggie whose body was found among the slot machines.

("Dead as Southport, he was. Six feet from the kiddies' rides. How sick is that?")

Morrissey's performance is electrifying. This has got hit written all over it.

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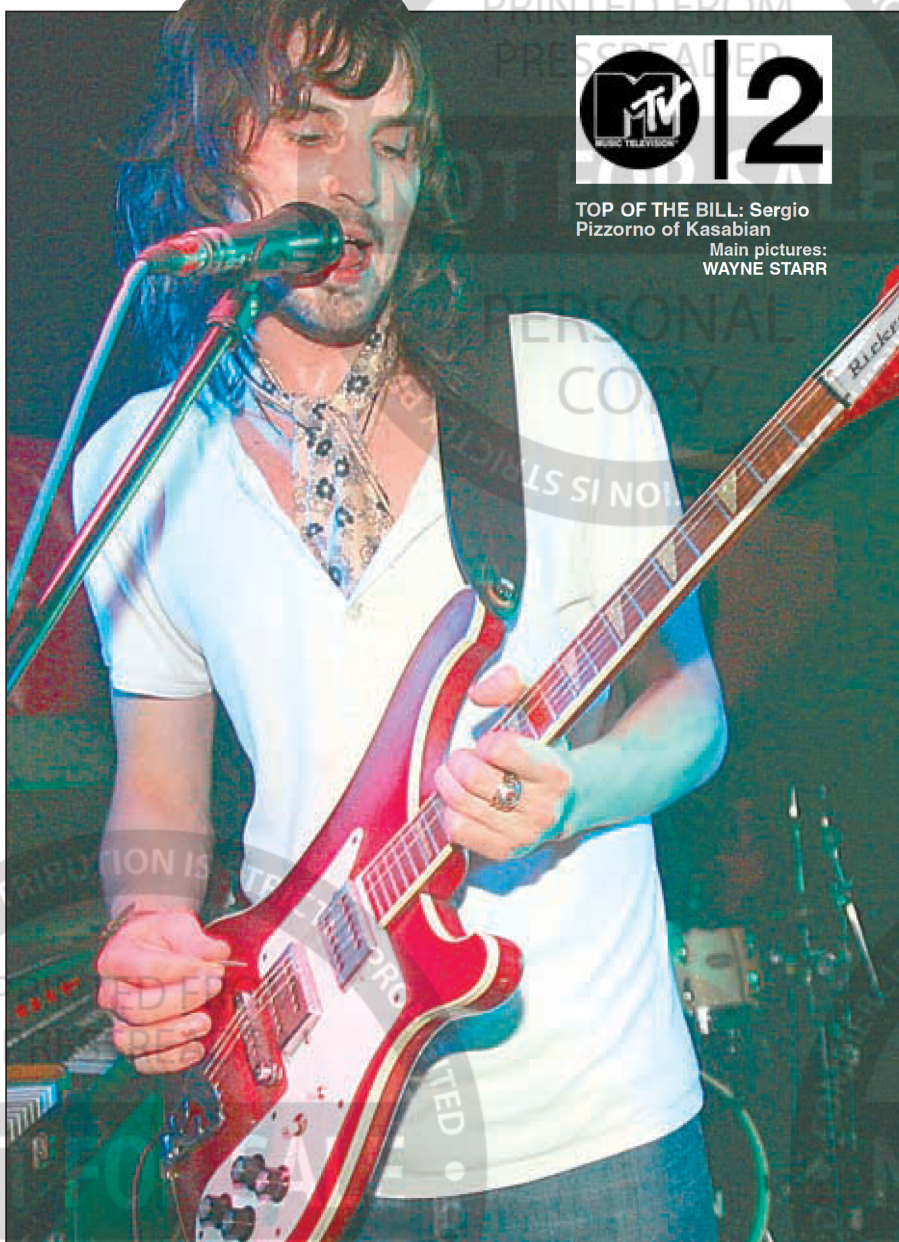


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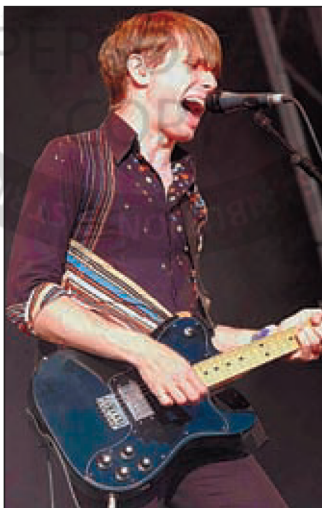
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OLD HANDS: Alex Kapranos of Franz Ferdinand has it large on the last tour

WHAT could be more rock 'n' roll?

Some of the hottest new bands blasting deliciously sweaty little venues the length and breadth of the land, the open road and a diet of cigarettes and alcohol. It certainly sounds appealing to me...

So when I was offered the opportunity to flex my wannabe rock chick credentials to the max by joining the MTV2 crew as they took their flagship show, Gonzo, on tour, I leapt at the chance.

Well, OK, I staggered, but I was just getting in some practice.

Buzzing

Over the past two years the award-nominated Gonzo and its presenter Zane Lowe has established itself as the one-stop-shop for rock music lovers.

Favoured by fans and musicians alike, it's the gig where pretty much anything goes. Noted for irreverent humour and showcasing the brightest new talent, the famed brown sofa has played host to the likes of Green Day, The Foo Fighters and The White Stripes, to name just a few.

But, not content with staying

by SAM PARKER

studio-bound, last year Zane and the boys took Gonzo on tour, with a few little-known acts, including Franz Ferdinand, Snow Patrol and Razorlight. Bands whose massive success in the 12 months since speaks for itself.

Hardly surprising then that the Gonzo lads decided the time was ripe for a "second coming". Five cities - Cardiff, London, York, Liverpool and Glasgow - a specially-commissioned tour bus, and the promise it was going to get messy!

Add to that the chance to see Britain's most talked-about indie rockers, Kasabian, in a venue not much bigger than my living room, and it's odds on to be a winner.

By the time I catch up with the crew the Gonzo bus has rolled up to York's tiny Barfly venue. The guys are a little delicate - bit of a late one in Liverpool the night before.

But Kasabian are about to sound-check, everyone's buzzing about that night's show and Zane's just found out he'll be

AND GETS ALL SWEATY WITH THE RISING STARS OF INDIE MUSIC



ROCK CHICK: Sam gets used to life on the bus and, left, with Kasabian and Zane



HARD ON THE ROAD: Kiwi Zane Lowe

Rockin' on the road with the GONZO crew

interviewing Kasabian while being trotted round York by horse and trap. He laughs: "I think the idea's to make me look as big a t**t as possible."

But the London-based Kiwi, famed as the only British-based interviewer Eminem will talk to, is relishing being out on the road. "It's so great to actually get out and meet the people who watch the show, who listen to the music, and get their feedback," he continues.

Sweaty

"They're the key to keeping it fresh. They'll come up to me and say 'Have you heard this?' or 'What do you think of that?' and that kind of reaction's fantastic. Obviously we like to keep up with everything new and exciting, but they're a brilliant resource."

"I think up until about 20, maybe 22, is the perfect record-buying age for guys. Before you get bogged down with mortgages and relationships, what else have you got to spend your money on except music, clothes and flowers?"

"And what's so great right now is that this kind of music, indie rock, has burst right into the mainstream. Something that looked

almost impossible just a few years back.

"It's also brilliant to get out to all the different cities. Every location has its own unique vibe that makes it special in its own way."

"I took a walk around York earlier and it just seems like the whole city is buzzing about tonight. Clearly what it means to have someone like Kasabian playing this little venue at this stage in their career has really hit home."

"I've had so many people coming over shaking my hand. They all knew Gonzo was coming."

"The gig's been sold out for weeks but there are still fans desperately trying to find a way in. I think the guest list going to be pretty mega."

And he's not wrong there... When showtime arrives, the venue is packed to capacity and the steam is starting to build.

"Yep, it's definitely going to be a hot and sweaty one," muses Kasabian frontman Tom Meighan as we sip a few pre-gig pints.

The Leicester rockers do not disappoint and, despite having travelled through the previous night to reach us and being scheduled to fly out to Amsterdam first thing the next morning, it was a

truly mesmerising show. My only complaint is the ensuing sweatiness left me a Miss Frizzyhead for the rest of the night - but hey, that's rock 'n' roll.

Next stop is Glasgow and there's definitely no time for hangovers because this is the final date. So it's "hairs of the dog" all round as everyone gets ready for the end of tour party.

And it seems they've definitely chosen the right place for it.

Booze

It might be a Sunday night, but it's not affecting this party-hard crowd as the jollies burn well into the wee small hours.

Zane's on the decks with that night's headliners, Soulwax. The Gonzo crew are dancing on the tables, while enough booze has been consumed to fuel a jet plane - and that's just me!

We didn't quite manage to see the sun rise over the Clyde Gonzo style - only because the bus had to be back in London pronto - but we certainly gave it a damn good try...

●Gonzo on Tour, in association with The Barfly, will be on MTV2 every night at 9pm Monday to Friday, November 22-26.



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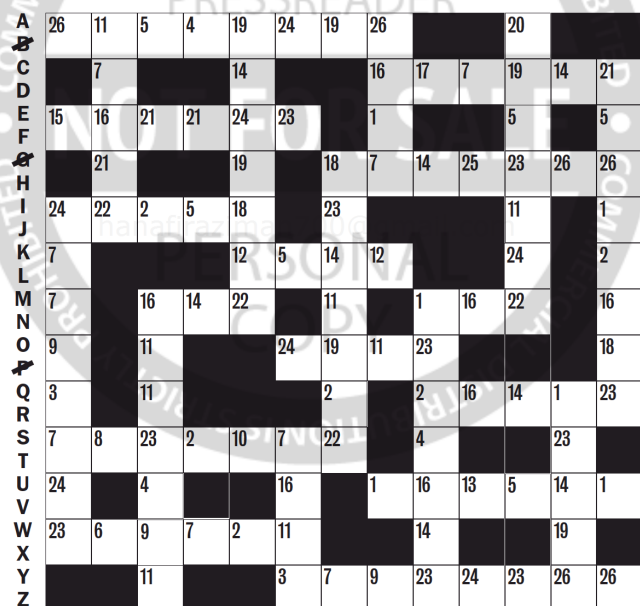
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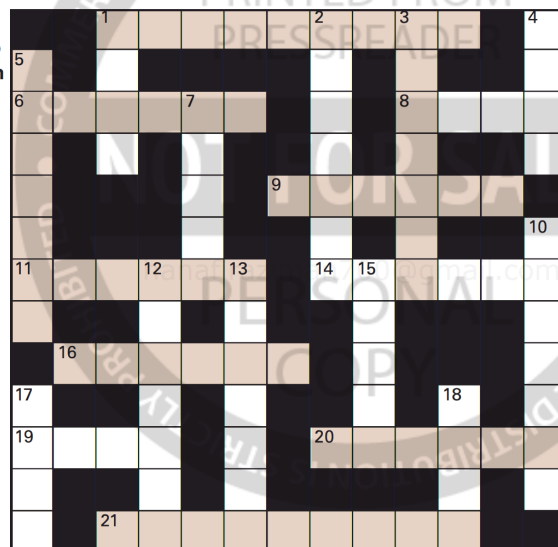
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ACROSS

- Palace used formerly by Auntie (9)
- I'm after an alternative to a hospital department in the East End (6)
- Etna erupts, but with tidy results (4)
- Wanderers sound as though they've gone to the dogs (6)
- Untied maybe, but now together again (6)
- My Tess goes in an orderly manner (6)
- Foster disunity, so you can't see the wood for the trees (6)
- Acceptable artist produces something good enough to eat (4)
- Allegedly perfidious outfit from the Midlands (6)
- We send back light from South Yorkshire (9)

DOWN

- Everything turns on this answer (4)
- After 11 Across, they're based in New York (6)
- Do they patrol in the parks, perhaps (or in Glasgow)? (7)
- It's a shame, but you may start to go after him (4)
- Warm urge could give comic results in North London (7)
- Never get upset – keep your cool (5)
- Grace has been so described (7)



- You used to be able to stand here to watch all the highlighted answers (7)
- Look down on Sid standing to welcome American lawman in (7)
- When agitated, Doyle makes a terrible row in Switzerland (5)
- Won't be responsible for this urban centre (4)
- It's found within the boundaries of the county (4)

ROUND CROSSWORD



Find the answer to each clue in the grid. Each word starts in its numbered square and proceeds to an adjacent square horizontally or vertically in either direction (but not diagonally). The last letter of each answer starts the next. We've given you one answer to start you off.

- Beast
- England's capital
- Hospital worker
- Spiny anteater
- Fruit dessert (5,3)
- Go in
- Wet weather
- Winter month
- Iterate
- Tropical spider
- Climb up
- Unit of sound intensity
- Bloodsucking worm
- Royal House
- Modern

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

JIGSAW



PATHFINDER

Bakewell tart, summer pudding, apple turnover, lemon meringue, cheesecake, sorbet, mince pie, sherry trifle, fruit salad, peach melba, spotted dog, flan.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Bigheaded once brought in answering to summons (9)
 - The same picture that makes you spit? (5)
 - County's big game (5)
 - Where celebrating women sort out the pecking order? (3-5)
 - There's something to come in this shop (5)
 - Sound of relief we hear from some (3)
 - Sheet of sort that goes overboard (6)
 - Where pier fishermen do wrong? (6)
 - Anybody, we are told, appears in tree (3)
 - Bird has to talk wildly sitting on pole (5)
 - Normal kind of rose-tree (8)
 - Room for observation? (5)

- DOWN**
- Seat at the summit whose occupant is spoonfed? (4,5)
 - Clever description of tinned food? (5)
 - Sounds like one who sows to produce a tree (5)
 - Goal let-off has to annoy people (6)
 - What you do on parade to get tidy fine arranged (8)
 - It's still hot at the end of next month (5)
 - Where below this bed cover! (9)
 - Those in its round-up are fleeced (5-3)

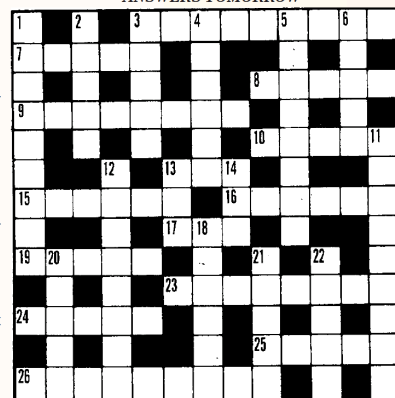
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS – 1 Stop-watch, 7 Urban, 9 Bad dream, 11 Ditch, 12 Parlour, 14 Full, 15 Log, 17 Era, 18 Trip, 20 Scalpel, 23 Reach, 24 Transmit, 26 Obese, 27 Repugnant. DOWN – 2 Tibia, 3 Pedal, 4 Tie, 5 Humdrum, 6 On the ball, 8 Bottle up, 10 Rout, 12 Pillar-box, 13 Rag trade, 16 Lighter, 19 Scan, 21 Lemon, 22 Eaten, 25 Asp.

- QUICK CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- Big-headed (9)
 - Mirror picture (5)
 - Horse race at Epsom (5)
 - Female celebration (3-5)
 - Department shop (5)
 - Hardly any (3)
 - Device to hold vessel in the water (6)

- DOWN**
- Baby's seat (4,5)
 - Shrewd and astute (5)
 - Coniferous tree (5)
 - To irritate, annoy (6)
 - To recognise as a certain person (8)
 - Glowing coal (5)
 - A quilt (9)
 - Collie (5-3)
 - Cook in oil (3)
 - Exclamation of amazement (3)
 - Good opinion, regard (6)
 - Following in time (5)
 - A trap (5)
 - Pass out (5)

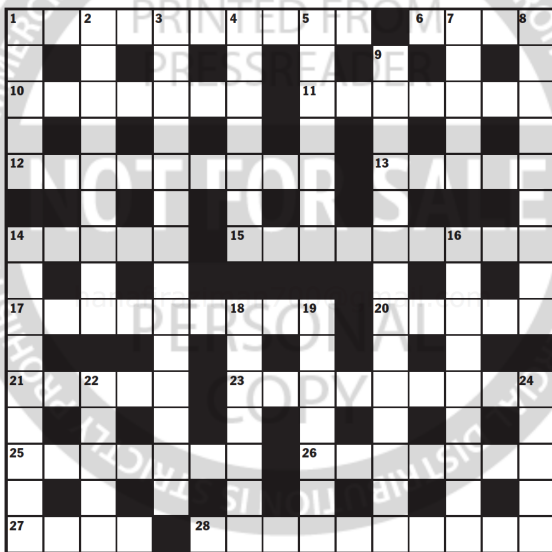
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ACROSS 1 Endemic, 5 Reactor, 9 Uncrowned, 10 Press, 11 Picasso, 12 Elapsed, 13 After a fashion, 18 Corps de ballet, 20 Defiant, 23 Ragtime, 25 Elite, 26 Candidate, 27 Tightly, 28 Egghead
DOWN 1 Equips, 2 Deck chair, 3 Moons, 4 Concourse, 5 Ridge, 6 Appraisal, 7 Tress, 8 Resident, 14 Testament, 15 Fragrance, 16 Intricate, 17 Acid test, 19 Defend, 21 Fling, 22 Tacky, 24 Going

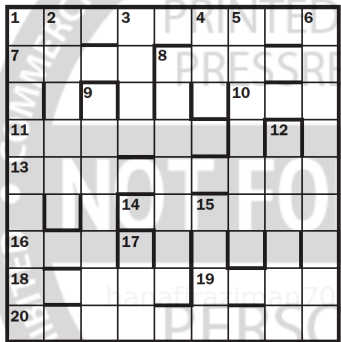
ACROSS

- 1 Heavy object late gaining importance (10)
- 6 A number from Marianne (4)
- 10 Contrition about code (7)
- 11 Ran to old fellow first (7)
- 12 Forbidding coils to turn in and fade (9)
- 13 French article expected to be excessive (5)
- 14 Move some underwear (5)
- 15 Sleet can't affect arms (9)
- 17 Crowded scene got rewritten on the day (9)
- 20 Picture one game having changed (5)
- 21 Food makes fellow leave (5)
- 23 Left maroon keys (9)
- 25 Target included hire clothing (7)
- 26 Further down the list, dry hilt out (7)
- 27 Regarded as part of the play, say (4)
- 28 I lack berry recipe to give builder (10)

DOWN

- 1 Challenged father about interior (5)
- 2 Now on duty to get confession (9)
- 3 Old conflict between florists (4,2,3,5)
- 4 CIA to be arranged transport (7)
- 5 Residence managed to be a big hit (4,3)
- 7 Ranted about bad grade (5)
- 8 Sees adder somehow become target of correspondence (9)
- 9 Aerobic exercise does more than scratch the surface (9,5)
- 14 Growth and scores may differ (9)
- 16 Nearly led off in a wise way (9)
- 18 Characteristic, alternatively, of a rat (7)
- 19 Desperate doctor is cat-mad (7)
- 22 Sound is one puzzle (5)
- 24 It removes water from Derry, somehow (5)

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DOWN 1 As good as, 2 Ties, 3 TNT, 4 Navigates, 5 Tremor, 6 Ogles, 8 Endorses, 11 Ladies, 13 Farce, 16 Auto, 18 Err

ACROSS

- 1 Equipment, ornaments (9)
- 7 Nobleman (4)
- 8 Laziness (5)
- 10 Also (3)
- 11 Scanty (6)
- 13 Irrational (9)
- 14 Protect (6)
- 16 Perform (3)
- 18 Very strong person (5)
- 19 Always (4)
- 20 Large mammals (9)

DOWN

- 1 Put an end to (9)
- 2 Seldom (6)
- 3 Stopper (4)
- 4 Unwell (3)
- 5 Perceives (7)
- 6 Sure holds (anag) (9)
- 8 Medical practitioner (7)
- 9 Paint-mixing board (7)
- 12 Surgical knife (6)
- 15 Jumping insect (4)
- 17 Hiatus (3)

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals or verb forms ending in 's', no words with initial capitals and no words with a hyphen or apostrophe permitted. The first word of a phrase



is permitted (e.g. inkjet in inkjet printer).
TODAY'S TARGET
 Good 24; very good 36;

excellent 47 (or more).
Solution Monday.
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
 chip ehit chop cook coop cool hick hock hoick tick optic pick picot pitch pock pooch thick tick TOOTHPICK topic

CROSSAGRAM

Make the longest word you can from each of the four sets of letters. Score 30 for a seven-letter word – and up to 100 for a ten-letter word. Can you get today's maximum score? There may be more than one way to score a maximum.
Solution Monday.

Target score: 290 Maximum: 320 Target time: 15 mins.
 Yesterday: Hieroglyph, Occupying, Didactic, Painlessly.

FULL SOLUTION 0905 072 0751 Calls cost 75p a minute from BT landlines	SPEEDY SOLUTION 0905 072 0752 Today's 'maximums' in a moment
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STUCK? CALL FOR A CLUE 0905 072 0753 Deduct two mins from Target Time per clue

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										TOTAL			

THE ALPHABEATER

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? It's a twist on our popular Alphapuzzle, designed to stretch your mental muscles to the limit. Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But now you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letter or letters and the given black square or squares – below the main grid – to start.

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Of course, if the centre square is black, it has no corresponding 'twin'. Solution Monday.
Stuck? Try the Extra Letter Line below:
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TARGET TIME: 32 minutes

Yesterday's solution:
Black squares: 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 28-31.
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Down: White-out, Than, Stink, Uptight, Alkaloid, Took, Agog, Passport, Algebra, Jiffy, Gild, Aquarium.

Today's solution
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Extra letter clues
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C	24	36	26	9	33	11	32	38	21	39	31	16	31
D	1	8	8	1	39	19	29	8	1	19	15	7	11
E	27	7	22	39	34	19	30	20	31	27	24	20	27
F	18	11	1	19	22	1	9	17	35	19	39	36	37
G	30	22	31	11	25	34	35	30	23	35	22	22	33
H	36	6	16	9	39	10	11	4	24	4	39	3	11
I	34	19	28	25	31	11	28	11	34	8	26	1	32
J	5	39	15	15	7	11	21	1	9	37	11	4	11
K	22	13	31	1	32	4	21	7	23	11	29	8	26
L	14	11	1	7	23	11	12	8	11	4	39	35	4
M	25	9	28	11	23	9	34	16	32	19	29	19	23

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UPS & DOWNS of showbiz

by Loma-Ann Bonner

SHRINKING Boob Syndrome is the deflating side-effect that trendy diets and cool weight-loss plans prefer to keep under wraps.

But sexy celebs who want to shed the stones have fallen prey to the condition, with their breast assets disappearing along with their double chins.

Glamorous babes may love nothing better than pouring their cleavage into low-cut designer frocks, but they need to plump up their D-cups with chicken fillets if they're suffering from a

bad dose of SBS. Renée Zellweger famously slimmed down up top after shedding her Bridget Jones weight – but she's not the only stunning star whose boobs have gone bust.

Here are a few of the many celebs who've suffered from disappearing front-line assets...



Myleene Klass

CLASSICAL music cutie **Myleene**, 25, was once known as the busty one in pop band Hear'Say, but after the group's demise she shed her puppy fat to reveal a toned and fab figure.

And she reckons that having acres of chest flesh isn't all it's cut out to be. "When you are bigger up top people think it must be great, but it's not," she moans.

But dropping from a Double E to a C cup can't have been Pure and Simple for the stunning babe.



Renée Zellweger

BRIDGET Jones star **Renée**, 35, spilled out of her bra for her role as the hapless singleton in both films. But now the Texan actress has lost 20 pounds and returned to her former skinny self she mourns the loss of her beautiful bust.

"It was a sad day when I had to retire the bra to the underwear drawer," she says. "I don't get to keep the C-cup. If I could, believe me, I would."



Christina Ricci

CURVY **Christina** has been plagued by the eating disorder anorexia nervosa, and as a teenager saw her figure plummet to a size six.

But after treatment *The Opposite Of Sex* star, 24, gained a soft, voluptuous figure complete with an A-List bust.

Not content with her heaving cleavage, she started dieting again and now reckons her bloke Adam Goldberg has helped her eat sensibly and lose weight.

But he'd have loved it if she'd kept her cute curves, too!



Denise Van Outen

DISHY **Denise** once had fellas hooked on her chest. But when she started exercising to play *Roxie Hart* in *Chicago* the Essex bird, 30, was shocked her knockers weren't all that jazz.

She deflated from a C to an A cup, returned after she finished her *West End* run, and went again during one-woman show *Tell Me On A Sunday*.

She blames fella Richard Travers. "My boobs have shrunk because Richard hasn't been playing with them," she moaned.



Geri Halliwell

IT WAS a case of lost and found for ginger babe **Ger**.

As a *Spice Girl* the 32-year-old was never backwards about pushing her boobs forwards.

But then she left the group, discovered exercise and soon became a shadow of her spicy self.

Now she's back to a healthy size 12 and says *Look At Me* as she proudly shows off her new-found, sexy chest.

Ger! nice, too ...

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GIRL: "Eh, no thanks. I'd rather stay here and have a gin and tonic..."

CARLY MORTON, Slough, Berks.
CAVEMAN: "Ugg!"
PAL: "Ugg!"
CAVEMAN: "Ugg!"
PAL: "Ugg...ugg!"
CAVEMAN: "Don't change the subject?"

STANLEY WAKEFIELD, Watton, Norfolk.
AN old man draped in gold rings and extravagant jewellery was on Stars In Their Eyes. He said: "Tonight, Matthew... I'm going to be Bling Crosby."

RICHARD WHITE, York.

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R. GOOCH, Hull.
A BLOKE takes a woman out on a first date. He has a brilliant time, but she doesn't. When he walks her home, he asks if he can see her again. She replies: "Any time you pass my house in future... just keep going!"

DOROTHY GRAY, Perth.

£10 LETTER

IT'S just as well **Gordon Brown** waived the VAT on the new **Band Aid** single (Daily Star, November 8).

If he hadn't done so, Sir Bob Geldof would have thrown a fit - just like the one he did on Live Aid in 1985.

And perhaps the Chancellor was highlighting the fact that the Tory Government weren't initially as forthcoming in their generosity.

J. GRANT, Inverness.

NO AMOUNT of money and no legislation could have prevented the terrible train tragedy in Berkshire. Brian Drisdale was a man on a mission to kill himself, regardless of how many people died with him. Events such as this can't be foreseen.

H. PIPER, Stoke-on-Trent.

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HOW arrogant of Sir Paul McCartney and his wife Heather to have an art gallery cleared of the public when they paid a visit. It seems their charitable concerns only apply to causes that advance their celebrity.

D. WRIGHT, Clay Cross, Derbys.
I WAS sad to read of Howard Keel's death at the age of 85. I loved him ever since seeing him as Curly in Oklahoma! at the Drury Lane theatre. He'll be sadly missed.

P. ORMOND, Blackpool, Lancs.

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- ☐ heard jo jo singing live on radio one and she blew me away. have a word Music Lover: **TAXI TOM**
- ☐ 2 Music Lover, did u not c CD:UK on Saturday? Jo Jo sang LIVE so don't compare her 2 Britney **ROBIN**
- ☐ To Mick - the Yanks do nothin' 4 nothin'! They only got involved in WW2 coz Pearl Harbor was attacked! Try talkin' sense in future. **LIZZY**
- ☐ Mick... Yanks didn't join WW2 until it affected them. Also gave money to IRA to bomb British people. Why should we help them? **Anne W-TON**
- ☐ Posh needs 2 take her own advice. She don't like becks talking bout their private life, she told everyone he wears her knicks an now that he likes his face n nails done. I guess its ok 2 humiliate him! **LEE**
- ☐ 2 JACKO - Mirror aint Labour anymore U think twit an I'll read an say wot I like and wot I KNOW - and that is Tories ruined this nation NOT Tony Blair **Bryan**
- ☐ justice done. Well done marc bick, you should get a medal not a sentence for getting rid of that scumbag. People like him have no place in society. @
- ☐ fair play to the lad who killed his mum's rapist. I'd do the same, the law is too easy on rapists. let the lad go free. **philly, kingshurst**
- ☐ N. Ireland isn't Britain - it's U.K... The United Kingdom of Great Britain and N. Ireland. Shut up. **DNB**
- ☐ Thanks ds 4 the pics of sexy legs of Jordan, tara and paris. oh and sophie's great *tits. ds you're the best. **alan, rotherham.**
- ☐ wot? No Santa in Brum's Bullring? No Divali there then? Come on



gillian anderson from the x files is still so hot!! hows about a pic of her?? she rocks! **BAUER**

pompous ppl - keep it real. Santa aint religious - he's FUN! Let kids be kids! **Gina, Coventry**
☐ sad 2 hear lily savage is hangin up her frock, any chance of a pic, it

would make my day, cheers. **danny reynolds**

- ☐ Q how do you know lucy has the best boobies? We neva see em!! Chelle an Sophie by a mile to no-nips Lucy. **boneman**
- ☐ so morrissey is still undecided as to if he should accept his knighthood... go on mozza! the smiths will never die! **carl whitaker, doncaster**
- ☐ to j get a reality check simon cowell didnt pik hearsay he wasnt even a judge on that show. big up mr nasty. T
- ☐ Thanx DS 4 makin my week with pg3 debut of Malene. More pics of Danish dish pls. **AI**
- ☐ anyl remember the gorgeous jodie shaw, she was 1 of page 3s finest then sudnly disappear. wud b great to hav her back, and her front. **meat**
- ☐ GERTY IS GORGEOUS AGAIN! I LOVE HER. MORE PICS PLEASE! **SHAYMUS STAFFS**
- ☐ Y should we pay 4 women 2 stay home with kids. Scroungers will b having loads of kids at tax payers expense! **jo**
- ☐ Wow Honeyz babe Celena Cherry lookin well sexy! She can nurse me anytime. More pics pls. **AT**
- ☐ we want more stu and mich they need to b on tv insteadof jordan nd prat pete. **jay**
- ☐ ANY1 WHO BUYS THAT BLOKE NADIA'S NEW SINGLE SHOULD BE SHOT. MORE TITMUS!! **GAZ, LEEK**
- ☐ WHY DOES KATE BECKINSINS WARM UP OUTSIDE A GYM THEN GO INSIDE IT 2 WORK OUT? **JIM**
- ☐ agree wiv snowy - fat birds wiv their guts hangin outa tight tops put me off me dinner! put it away! it's as sexy as a bag of smashed crabs! **fibob**

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Justin Toper

The STAR-gazer who knows your future

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: With a great new moon taking place on your anniversary, this has to be your year. CELEBRATING TODAY: TV presenter Mariella Frostrup, right, 42, and Rock legend Neil Young, 59.



- Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)**
WHAT is agreed at the end of this week should ease some of your financial worries or any business concerns. Of course, that doesn't mean that you are any more secure. And yet, today's brilliant new moon should make you feel better about yourself. To see how you can contribute, call...
To receive daily texts send DSARI to 63333 0905 072 0099 (01) *
- Taurus (Apr 21-May 21)**
PARTNERS will be more animated and get into the spirit of things. But today's new moon in Scorpio, could provoke a response that is deliberately designed to get a reaction. To see why one chapter is closing and a happier one is about to begin, call...
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- Gemini (May 22-June 22)**
THE working week is bound to end on a significant note, and in some ways you should welcome any challenges. Nor should you dismiss certain changes too lightly, but you may be waiting to see others in action first. To see why you are about to emerge as a winner, call...
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- Cancer (June 23-July 23)**
TODAY'S new moon in Scorpio could trigger off a torrent of emotion - even from those who keep their feelings hidden. The message somebody is conveying is one of love, even if their actions are not rational. To see why you should see an upturn in your fortunes, call...
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- Leo (July 24-Aug 23)**
A MOVE is on the cards. There is a lot to discuss first though, even if partners and loved ones have already made up their minds to stay put. But, you should be racing around all over the place on account of your other activities. To see why you should have high expectations, call...
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- Virgo (Aug 24-Sep 23)**
DESPITE all the assurances under the sun, there is still no guarantee that a plan or scheme will go ahead. If not, then you should receive some compensation, and anything is better than nothing. For a clearer view of your future, take a moment to call...
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- Libra (Sep 24-Oct 23)**
THOUGH others may have been dragging their heels over a deal, what is unveiled now may be worth twice as much. In any case, you might have to cancel any existing arrangements, and pay more attention to financial matters. To see why your luck is about to improve, call...
To receive daily texts send DSLIB to 63333 0905 072 0099 (07) *
- Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)**
YOU may not be thinking straight, or rather your heart seems to be ruling your head. There is certainly a good reason for this. You may also experience a mixed reaction from those who love to teach you a lesson. To see why you could be a revelation to all, call...
To receive daily texts send DSSCO to 63333 0905 072 0099 (08) *
- Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)**
FOR you, the new moon occurs in the most private area of your horoscope. You may perceive some kind of hidden threat or see more into situations than actually exists. As it is, you seem almost untouchable. To be able to put things into their true context, call...
To receive daily texts send DSSAG to 63333 0905 072 0099 (09) *
- Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)**
THIS ought to be an exciting and rewarding time. Don't be surprised if someone intrudes - you would be happy to make certain provisions for them, even though it's obvious you don't want them around. To see why a friend in need is a friend indeed, call...
To receive daily texts send DSCAP to 63333 0905 072 0099 (10) *
- Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)**
THE new moon takes place in the most strategic area of your chart. And, no longer will you be all talk and no action, especially when it comes to achieving your aims. Someone could make some absurd claims now. To see why you should end this week in a better position, call...
To receive daily texts send DSAQU to 63333 0905 072 0099 (11) *
- Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)**
YOU may be keen to get away early, and by rights you will be on the move fairly soon. Certain people may be cynical about an arrangement, particularly if it involves a lot of travelling or toing and froing. To see why there's no telling what you might stumble across, call...
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It's the business

Trifles make up the happiness or the misery of human life – Alexander Smith

Movers & groovers

SIR Richard Branson's Virgin Mobile, which boasts 4.2 million customers and 1,400 staff, celebrated its fifth birthday yesterday. Chief executive Tom Alexander said: "When I think of how far Virgin Mobile has come in such a short time – from an idea sketched on a sheet of paper to a thriving, vibrant consumer champion of a mobile business – it is a truly remarkable achievement."

Investors who backed its July stock market launch may not be feeling so cheery. The shares are still below the flotation price.

THE maker of Durex condoms SSL International has appointed BP's former global vice president, marketing, as a non-executive director.

American Anna Catalano led the "Beyond Petroleum" drive at BP.

BP petrol stations have indeed gone beyond petroleum and into coffee sold at the group's **Wild Bean** cafes.

SCOTTISH retail entrepreneur Tom Hunter has lined up £40million for expansion of **Qube** shoe shops, part of his **West Coast Capital** group.

The plan is to grow Qube, set up by Jim McGonigle last year, from ten stores to 150 within five years.

McGonigle said: "It's all about getting the location, product and pricing right."

BT head of wholesale Paul Reynolds stressed BT's commitment to London at a lunch hosted by Ken Livingston, the Mayor of London.

Could this be anything to do with the fact that this week rival **Cable & Wireless** announced it was shutting its London office and moving to Bracknell in deepest Berkshire?

IAIN McDonald, retail analyst at stockbroker **Numis** took a stroll down the capital's Kings Road yesterday to see preparations for Christmas so far.

His verdict on **Marks & Spencer** was: "Oh dear". **Ted Baker** "looked great" and **LK Bennett** and **Jigsaw** were "both heavily on sale".

THE DEALER

HOT GOSSIP

DESIRE Petroleum climbed 7.5p to 57.5p amid speculation a major oil firm would become its partner in the North Falkland basin. It recently reported encouraging results from a seismic survey. **Greenwich Resources**, which owns over 6 million shares in Desire, rose 0.37p to 3.37p.

Iceland invades...Iceland

ICELANDIC retailer Baugur is set to increase its presence on the UK high street after clearing a major hurdle in its plans to buy **Big Food Group**.

Baugur is also lining up a takeover of **Mk One** clothing. The Reykjavik-based company said it would make a deci-

sion "within weeks" on whether to proceed with an offer for **Iceland** supermarkets owner **Big Food** after reaching agreement over the funding of its pension deficit.

It is also close to completing a £55million purchase of a controlling stake in discount cloth-

ing chain **Mk One**, a deal that will see three shareholders, including **Bhs** billionaire **Philip Green**, share £44m.

Baugur has expanded aggressively in the UK recently, snapping up toy store **Hamleys** and fashion groups **Oasis**, **Coast** and **Karen Millen**.

WHO'S DEALING

THE boss of software group Servicepower Technologies snapped up 100,000 shares at 32p each yesterday. Chief executive **David Brisco** now owns 4.1 million shares or 5.53% of the company, which makes scheduling software. Shares closed flat at 32.5p.

BT's broadband sweep

THEY NET THE WEB SURFERS

by TONY LEONARD
ONE British household signs up to a broadband internet connection every 17 seconds.

And that has helped **BT** to offset its tumbling income from traditional phone lines.

By adding nearly 400,000 broadband customers in the three months to the end of September – taking the total to 3.3 million – BT defied expectations of another drop in its total revenues.

In fact, total income grew by 1% to £4.6billion, BT's best performance for nearly three years – which saw its shares become one of the biggest risers in the FTSE yesterday, as they gained 6p to 199.25p.

Chief executive **Ben Verwaayen**'s plan has always been to win more customers with broadband than he is losing to mobile phones and rival landline operators like **Carphone Warehouse** and **Tele2**.

Broadband connections cost between £17.99 and £30 a month.

Fastest

Customers can surf the internet at up to 10 times faster than normal dial-up and make free connections over the internet to other users.

But analysts warn that BT's profit margins from broadband are weakening and it is only winning 30% of its new broadband customers through its retail arm.

The rest are being signed up by the likes of **Wanadoo** or **AOL**.

So while revenues are up at BT's wholesale division, BT Retail's profits fell by 9%.

THE idea a smoking ban will stop people going to pubs is "complete rot", the boss of Britain's second biggest pub group said yesterday.

"People don't go to pubs to smoke – they go to meet their mates and have a drink," **Punch Taverns** chief executive **Giles Thorley** said as Scotland followed Ireland with a ban on smoking in public buildings.

"Do you really believe people will stop because they can't have a fag?" Mr Thorley even suggest-



CIGS BAN: But will the price be fewer customers for pubs?

It's a smokescreen

ed there could be positive aspects to a ban.

He added: "It might bring in people like my wife who won't go into pubs because they are too smoky."

Vague

Mr Thorley dismissed figures showing that Irish pub trade had fallen by 20% in the first six months of the ban as being "very vague".

Punch, which operates 8,300 pubs, second only to **Enterprise**

Inns, is seen by some analysts as being more vulnerable than others to any ban in England.

This is because the group is believed to own a large number of small "back-street boozers" whose main customers are heavy-smoking regulars.

Stockbroker **Pannure Gordon** said 25% of **Punch**'s pubs offered no food, making it particularly exposed to a ban.

Less than 5% of **Punch**'s estate is in Scotland but the shares fell by 5.25p to 569.75p.

K says no to Jarvis

CRISIS-struck rail engineer and constructor Jarvis was hit by another blow yesterday.

The group's biggest shareholder has sold its 24% stake.

Its shares, already at an all time low, lost another 19%, falling to 10.5p, as US hedge fund **K Capital** decided to cut its losses.

Lost

The move followed a devastating profits warning from Jarvis on Monday.

K Capital has lost millions because it began building its stake in Jarvis in May when the shares first fell below the 80p mark.

It is not known who **K Capital** has sold its stake to.

Jarvis has until March to repay a rescue loan from banks with the proceeds of disposals.

No-go Novar

A HOSTILE takeover battle kicked off yesterday when conglomerate **Novar** rejected a £625 million bid by **Melrose**.

After a week-long phoney war, **Melrose** formally tabled its 145p a share offer only to be told by **Novar** – which manufactures climate control systems for buildings – that it "undervalued the group and its prospects".

Shares in **Novar** jumped 5p to 151p, up from 118p since the possible bid was first mooted at the start of this month.

Analysts said the move could flush out other bidders.

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BP	531	+1	536	405	1011	HSBC Hldgs.	938	+15	939	784	5562	Reuters Grp.	389	+12	429	228	1047	Util. Utilities	556	-7	585	472	4010
Br. Airways	229	+3	332	199	6258	Imp. Chem.	228	+3	247	184	1032	REXAM	456	+10	467	403	1115	Vodafone Grp.	140	+2	149	114	3577
Br. Amer. Tob.	855	+2	883	702	1003	Imp. Tobacco Gr.	1317	+2	1325	1006	1271	Rio Tinto	1524	+4	1574	1212	6699	Whitbread	813xd	+7	853	701	1498
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Now there's Honda

I'M sorry about this, but I'm going have to mention the F-word.

Don't worry, though, because I'm not being rude.

Now, avid readers of this modest little column, like the Pope, Madonna, and my mate Shotgun Mick know that if a car deserves a good kicking, I'll give it one.

Another reader is a chap who works for Honda, who have just launched the FR-V, and we were chatting at the weekend when we both realised that I've never had a bad word to say about the company.

Then I drove the new FR-V ... and guess what? It's just, sort of, OK. It's not awful, but nor is it great.

So what's good, and what's bad? You'll have to read on for two reasons: a) You'll miss finding out and b) There's a funny story at the end.

Honda already make two other cars with the letters R-V after them, because it stands for Recreational Vehicle, whatever that means.

There's the HR-V, where the H is High, and the smaller CR-V, which means, Compact.

Chat

Coming to a showroom near you soon is the FR-V. But what about that F-word?

Strangely, Honda are not sure themselves. "It's Fun," said one exec. "No, it's Fantastic," said another. "It's Freedom," chirped in my new mate Graham, who gets a mention because he gave me a golf ball, which shows how cheaply I can be bought.

Well, it's hardly all of these things, so a quick trip to Japan in my private jet, and a chat with the chairman, revealed that the F-word is actually Flexibility.

And that's perfect, because the FR-V is an amazingly different and flexible car, though whether it catches on or not remains to be seen.

This is, undoubtedly a small people carrier. But instead of holding six people in three rows of two seats, it has two rows of three seats. That's right, three in the front and three in the back. Well worked out.

Much the same, in fact, as the new and good-looking Fiat

Multipla. And I promise you I never, ever, dreamed I'd say that.

The middle front seat will, at a squeeze, hold an adult, as it slides backwards to leave loads of leg and shoulder room.

However, it is mainly aimed at keeping a child happy, so the little one doesn't feel left out in the rear.

And before I hear all you young mums wailing on about safety, don't

worry, because it's incredibly strong and well-protected. If you don't need it, you can simply fold it over, leaving a platform the size of a small desk for you to bung all your junk on and rest your arm.

There are three seats in the rear, too. They all fold completely flat to turn this car into a massive load lugger, because the boot is large anyway. Oh, it's a clever car. That's

the gimmicky bits dealt with, so what's the rest of the interior like?

There's a chunky, small, sporty steering wheel, while the gear-lever - mounted on a big silver rotating ball - pops out of the dash, so it leaves leg-room for a middle-seat passenger.

It hits you immediately that this is a very well stitched-together motor; on the inside and the outside.

Invisible

Sparkly alloy dashboard finish looks like it comes from a far more expensive motor; while matching push-button controls could belong to an up-market DVD player.

The only drawback is the colourful radio or sat-nav screen, mounted on top of the dash, which is rendered totally invisible by sunlight.

Let's drive the thing. Well, with three rows of seats across the middle it's wide, and takes a lot of getting used to on European roads. At

FACTFILE

Honda FR-V 1.7-litre.

PRICE (on the road): £14,750. (range: £14,750 - £16,400).

ENGINE: 1.698cc, all-alloy, 16-valve, SOHC with variable valve timing (123bhp, 117lb torque).

TOP SPEED: 113mph; 0-62mph: 12.3secs.

MPG: Urban: 30.4; extra urban: 43.5; combined: 37.7.

CO₂: 179g/km. **INS GROUP:** 9.



LITTLE CAR, BIG DEAL

HERE'S a little car that's absolutely perfect for young drivers who want to be flash, but haven't got the cash.

It's the Citroën C2 Design, and not only does it look good, but at £8,295 and with one year's FREE insurance, it won't break the bank.

The Design gets smart matching bumpers and side-strips, as well as a

racy interior finish, with a CD player, electric front windows power-steering, ABS and remote locking.

Free insurance is on offer for buyers aged 19 and over, but you have to use Citroën finance. Even so, a 19-year-old without a no-claims bonus, and living in Slough, would be quoted £1,705 for such a car, so this is a very tempting offer.

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IF YOU live in Loughton, Essex, the chances of your car broken into are higher than anywhere else in Britain. The London suburb tops a car crime list made by Autoglass. The rest are: 2 Liverpool; 3 Halifax; 4 Romford; 5 Leeds; 6 Oldham; 7 Luton; 8 Dartford; 9 Hull; 10 Sheffield.



E THAT'S GREAT

SAY goodbye to the Merc E320 ... and hello to the quicker, cleaner, less thirsty and bigger-engined E350, which has just replaced it. The new 3.5-litre V6 produces a massive 272bhp compared with the 3.2 litre's 224bhp, which sees the 0-62mph time fall from 7.7 to a lightning 6.9 secs. Top speed is the same limited 155mph.

Fuel consumption is 29.1mpg against 28.5mpg, while despite being bigger, emissions fall from 238 to 231g/k.

Something else that's changed is the price. That's up from £34,605 to £35,770, though you do get a brand new seven-speed auto-box.

MORE and more Britons are buying diesels, as the country heads for a possible fourth record year in a row of new car sales.

Out of the 170,866 cars bought in October, 37 per cent were diesels. Sales so far this year stand at 2,250,822, virtually the same as this time last year.

Christopher Macgowan, chief executive of the SMMT (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), said: "We expect a slight upturn in November figures which will leave the increasingly

strong December market as the decider. Will it be another record year? It's too close to call."

Car sales have climbed from 2,458,769 in 2001 to 2,563,631 in 2002 to 2,579,050 in 2003. The Top 10 best sellers for last October are: 1 Ford Focus (8,003); 2 Renault Mégane (7,859); 3 VW Golf (6,226); 4 Vauxhall Astra (6,178); 5 Ford Fiesta (6,152); 6 Vauxhall Corsa (4,817); 7 Peugeot 206 (4,637); 8 Ford Mondeo (4,459); 9 Peugeot 307 (4,308); 10 Renault Clio (3,970).

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IMAGE RATING



HERE'S how the Honda FR-V 1.7-litre fares image-wise...

REAR MIRROR MONSTER: More functional than scary, but odd dagger-shaped headlights cut into the bumper. Modern.

BACKSIDE BEAUTY: Not a beauty, but very smart. Rear window curves dramatically at the top.

PLAYTIME PLEASER: Climate control, four electric windows, heated, electric door mirrors, single slot CD-stereo, fully adjustable steering wheel.

NAUGHTY NIGGLES: Same problem as the new Focus. There's no seat-belt warning on the passenger seat, so idle kids (that's all of them) won't bother belting up. Sods.

TASTY TOUCHES: Pop-out triple front cup-holders, coin-holder, rear electric socket.

FAST OR LAST: 1.7-litre's a fair little mover. Trouble is, it's so noisy.

WONGA WONDER: Beautifully made car that is a pleasure every time you look at it or sit in it. Good value.

WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT? A definite no. Tracey's not ready for kids yet.

the moment there's a choice of two engines, 1.7 or 2.0-litre petrol, with two diesels due next year.

Strangely, it's the 1.7 that feels livelier and more nimble. That's because, at 1,395kgs, it's 62kgs lighter than the 2.0-litre, which really makes a difference round bends and on initial take-off.

Obviously, the 2.0-litre is the quieter and quicker cruiser, but it's so roly-poly it's just not fun.

But, you pay your money and you take your choice. The 1.7-litre will save you £1,000, but it comes with a five-speed box that is begging, screaming out, for a sixth gear, which makes it horribly noisy and whiny at high speed.

Wobbly

The 2.0-litre, however, does have a sixth cog - and it's a far quieter and more pleasant motorway machine.

Loud, irritating and reasonably sharp, or soft, quiet and wobbly? The choice is yours.

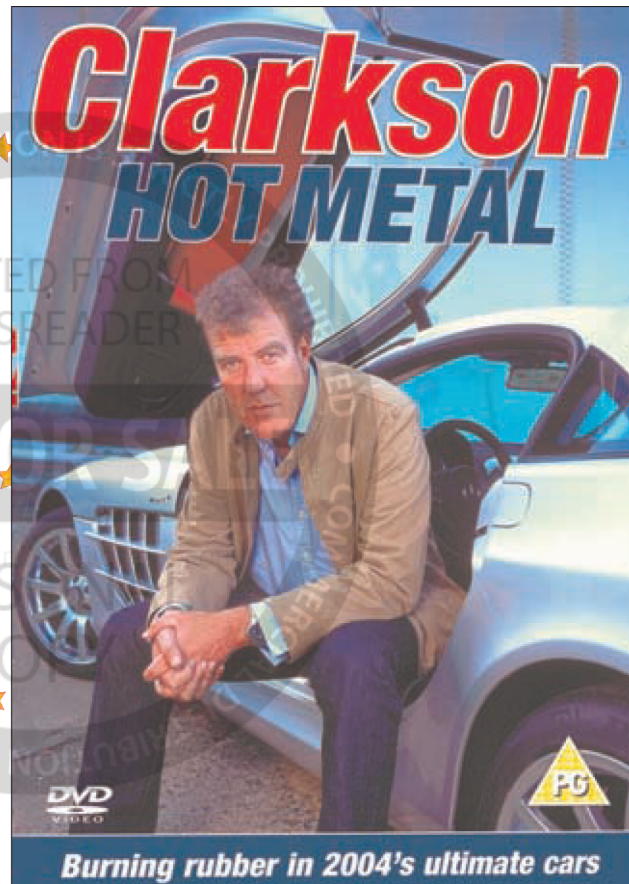
Anyway, here's the funny story. Honda actually treated us to dinner, in a real, genuine, 100 per cent *palace* in Jerez, Spain, where they make sherry.

I asked the way to the loo and was told that "the owner" would show me the way. Wow, I was looking for someone with a crown.

It wasn't "the owner". It was "Fiona."

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GEORGE FOWLERGentle spin
with a nutter

NOW here's a really great job ... finding out what's the best supercar in the world.

And that is exactly what the Discovery Channel are doing every Friday, right at the moment.

Really, I think it's just an excuse to drive every loony-mobile on earth. And if it makes good telly at the same time, then so much the better.

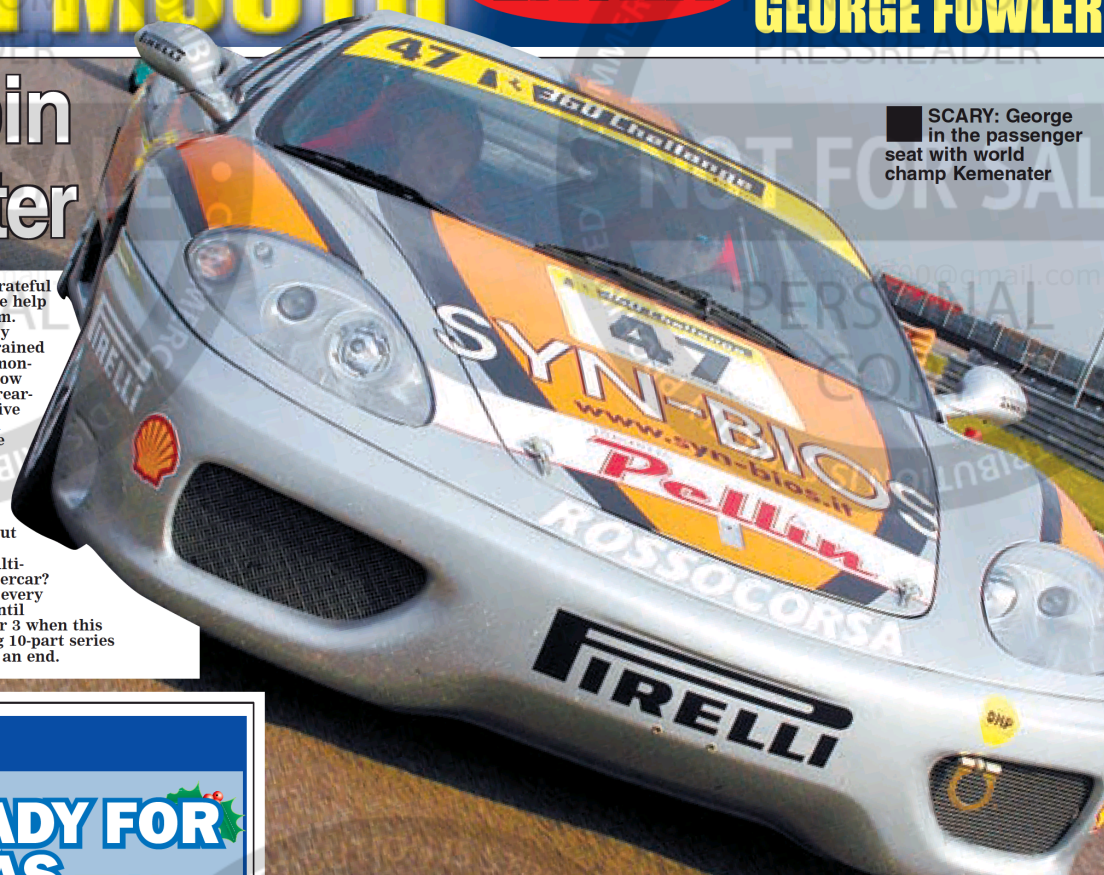
Anyway, for some crazy reason the show's makers asked me to drive this Ferrari 360 racing car, but first they sent me round a racing track with the 360 Series world champion, a total nutter called Thomas Kemenater.

I can honestly say I have never been so terrified in my life, especially as he spun the car, which shows how hard he was pushing it. Yep, too hard. Needless to say

he was grateful for all the help I gave him.

Especially when it rained and I demonstrated how 460bhp, rear-wheel-drive and slick tyres lose all their grip in the wet.

The Ferrari's good ... but is it the world's ultimate supercar? Find out every Friday until December 3 when this smashing 10-part series comes to an end.



SCARY: George in the passenger seat with world champ Kemenater

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Things that go
bump in the car

BRITAIN'S most haunted road is the A229 at Blue Bell Hill, Kent.

For the past 40 years a young woman has terrified drivers by running in front of their cars, only to vanish seconds before being hit.

She is believed to be a tragic bride who died the day before her wedding day in 1965.

Worried

One driver actually stopped to help an injured girl, wrapped her in a blanket, and returned with police, only to find the blanket lying empty on the ground.

The driver was so wor-

OUR ROADS TO HELL

by GEORGE FOWLER

ried, police even sent tracker dogs to the scene, but they failed to pick up any trace of human scent.

The spot, between Maidstone and Chatham, tops a list of Britain's 10 most haunted roads.

It was compiled by car giants Vauxhall, who joined forces with the Paranormal Research Organisation, to make an oddball study of scary places to visit in a Corsa.

Ian Addicoat, President of the PRO, said: "There has been a definite rise in

interest in the paranormal due to programmes such as Most Haunted and I'm Famous and Frightened.

"More people than ever are jumping into their motors and driving to ghoulish hot spots to experience the unexplained first hand."

Here are Britain's nine other most haunted roads:

A16. Stocksbridge bypass, Yorkshire - sightings involve a floating monk and phantom children, once forced to work in the pits nearby.

A75. Annan, Dumfriesshire - man with a sack on his head who vanishes when cars get close to him; old lady in a cloud of mist; old man with no eyes leaning against a wall.

A361. Nuneaton to Frome, Somerset - many drivers have picked up a phantom hitchhiker, who disappears from the passenger seat en route.

A12. Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk - a hovering grey mist which gradually forms into the "Grey Man"

complete with long coat and boots. Terrified drivers go straight through him. Also on the A12, a phantom cyclist who rides through cars at Pakefield, Suffolk.

A15. Ruskington, Lincolnshire - once popular with highwaymen, there's a terrifying hermit, a monk and the ghost of a robber in a spot known as Hangman's Haunt.

A23. London to Brighton - haunted by a young girl with no hands or feet, and the "Limping Female" who wanders across the carriageway paying no attention to traffic.

Holt Bridge. Wrexham - also known as "The Bridge of Screams" after two boys were murdered at the spot many years ago.

High Street. Prestbury, Glos - home to a phantom jockey, a motorcyclist and several women, along with the sound of horses' hooves.

A30. Cornwall - three monks in light brown robes cross the road and disappear into a ditch at Bolventor, in an area known locally as Crows-an-Wra, Cornish for "Witch's Cross".

WHAT winds you up more than anything else when you're driving? Chances are it's road "works" where no one's there. Personally, it's bad manners that I really hate, but website jamjar cars didn't ask me when they did their survey. Here's the Top 10, with the percentage of voters in brackets: 1 Empty road works (22%); 2 Traffic wardens (21%); 3 Verbal abuse (12%); 4 Boy racers (10%); 5 Badly parked school-run 4x4s (9%); 6 Road hogs (8%); 7 Lost drivers who dawdle or suddenly stop (6%); 8 Bumpy buses (6%); 9 Inner city cyclists (4%); 10 Rickshaws (2%).

